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## Chapter 11

### Auxiliarist Recognition/Awards

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#### Introduction

Auxiliarists, as volunteers, receive no direct compensation for the many hours of time and effort they donate to the Coast Guard. The recognition of an Auxiliarist's service, through the presentation of timely and appropriate awards, is essential to the success of the Auxiliary program. Recognition of Auxiliarists by Coast Guard unit COs, XOs, and all other Coast Guard leaders is very important. In many respects, the recognition they receive through these awards can be considered to be their nominal payment. The service and actions of the Auxiliarists should receive the appropriate recognition and awards to the maximum extent possible. Medals and awards will be worn as prescribed in the Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series), except as noted in this chapter. Associated recommendations for Auxiliary personal awards (Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal, Auxiliary Legion of Merit, Auxiliary Plaque of Merit, Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal, Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit, Auxiliary Commendation Medal, Auxiliary Achievement Medal, and Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation) shall be drafted in accordance with guidelines established in the Awards section of the Chief Director's web site ([www.uscg.mil/auxiliary](http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary)).

As with any aspect of Auxiliary service records, it is the incumbent responsibility of each Auxiliarist to ensure that timely, complete, and accurate changes are made to them. Next to training and qualification entries, this consideration is most important with respect to award and recognition entries. Auxiliarists are therefore highly encouraged to provide the Director with a copy of any award (i.e., certificate and/or citation) as soon as practicable after their receipt of such. This is not meant in any way to relieve the similarly incumbent obligation of an awarding authority from ensuring that a copy of an award and/or citation presented to an Auxiliarist is immediately forwarded after presentation to the appropriate Director for filing in the Auxiliarist's service record.

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## Section A. Auxiliary Awards

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<b>Introduction</b>	This section provides a description of Auxiliary awards.
<b>A.1. Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal</b>	The Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal (ADSM) recognizes Auxiliarists who distinguish themselves by contributing exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The ADSM is only awarded by the Commandant.
A.1.a. Eligibility Criteria	<p>The performance required to justify this award is exceptional performance of duty, which benefits the Auxiliary as a whole. This performance, therefore, must be clearly much higher than normally expected, and must have a measurable, positive effect on the entire organization. Normally this award will be given to elected and appointed officers for extraordinary achievement. This statement should not be interpreted so as to preclude the award to any Auxiliarist whose service meets the requirement.</p> <p>The key words for this award are distinguished, operational, and exceptional meritorious service. To justify this award, exceptional performance of duty, clearly much higher than normally expected, which has resulted in significant benefit to the entire Auxiliary organization, is required.</p>
A.1.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a Commandant's citation, a certificate, ribbon, miniature medal, and lapel pin. The operational "O" attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
<b>A.2. Auxiliary Legion of Merit</b>	The Auxiliary Legion of Merit (ALOM) is awarded for service comparable to the ADSM but in a duty of lesser, though considerable, responsibility. The ALOM is only awarded by the Commandant.
A.2.a. Eligibility Criteria	In general, recognized performance must be clearly much higher than normally expected, and must have a measurable, positive effect on the Auxiliary across multiple Districts or at Auxiliary Area or national level. Normally, this award will be given to elected and appointed officers for exceptional achievement. This statement should not be interpreted so as to preclude the award to any Auxiliarist whose service meets the requirement. When the degree of achievement or service rendered, although meritorious, is not sufficient to warrant award of the ALOM, the AMSM should be considered.




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A.2.b. Award Elements      This award consists of a Commandant’s citation, a certificate, ribbon, miniature medal, and lapel pin. The operational “O” attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by <sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.

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**A.3. Auxiliary Plaque of Merit**      The Auxiliary Plaque of Merit (APOM) is awarded to Auxiliarists in recognition of extreme skill in performing an assist or rescue that involves risk to the Auxiliarist’s life. The APOM may be awarded by any 4-star Flag officer, 3-star Flag officer, or District Commander. Award packages, including the completed Coast Guard Award recommendation forms (CG-1650), shall be forwarded to Commandant (CG-5421) for plaque issuance.

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A.3.a. Eligibility Criteria      This award recognizes heroism in the face of grave personal risk and which clearly stands out as above normal expectations.

The key aspects of performance for award of the Auxiliary Plaque of Merit are extreme skill, assist or rescue, and risk to the Auxiliarist’s life. As can be seen, the Auxiliary Plaque of Merit can only be given for an assist, or rescue. The Auxiliarist must have exercised extreme skill, as opposed to just skill required for the Medal of Operational Merit. Lastly, there must have been risk to the Auxiliarist’s life. Neither the assist nor rescue need be successful, only that the action required extreme skill and was performed or attempted at risk to the Auxiliarist’s life.

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A.3.b. Award Elements      This award consists of a bronze plaque, ribbon, and miniature medal. There is no certificate. The operational “O” attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by <sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.

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**A.4. Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal**      The Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal (AMSM) is awarded to Auxiliarists who have contributed exceptional meritorious service to the Coast Guard and/or Auxiliary. Auxiliarists who serve in any capacity within the Auxiliary are eligible. The AMSM may be awarded by any Flag officer.

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A.4.a. Eligibility Criteria      The meritorious performance of duty must have enhanced Auxiliary goals. This performance must clearly be of a nature much higher than that normally expected, and which has a significant positive effect on the ability of the Coast Guard and/or the Auxiliary to complete its missions and goals.

For this award, the key words are outstanding and meritorious service worthy of special recognition, which contributes significantly to fulfillment of Auxiliary goals at the local level.

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A.4.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. The operational “O” attachment may be authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
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<b>A.5. Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit</b>	The Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit (AMOM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of outstanding skill in performing an assist, rescue, or other meritorious operational service. The Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding officer (O-6 and above) of an operational unit or serving as a Division Chief or higher at a district office, area or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director.
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A.5.a. Eligibility Criteria	This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of an operational nature (defined as direct, hands on, underway, surface or airborne aviation mission activity) worthy of special recognition.  For this award, the key words are outstanding operational performance, skill, assist, rescue or other meritorious operational service. To receive the Medal of Operational Merit, only skill is required, not extreme skill, and therefore does not have to be a risk to the Auxiliarist’s life. Outstanding operational performance and other meritorious operational service have been included in this category. This was added to allow recognition of a cumulative series of operational services, none of which, standing alone, would merit this award, but taken as a group, do merit this level of recognition.
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A.5.b. Award Elements	This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. The operational “O” attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
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<b>A.6. Auxiliary Commendation Medal</b>	The Auxiliary Commendation Medal (ACM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of outstanding assistance that furthers any of the Auxiliary’s authorized activities, except operations (since the Medal of Operational Merit is for operations). The Auxiliary Commendation Medal may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding Officer (O-5 or above) of a Coast Guard unit, or serving as Division Chief or higher at a district, area, FORCECOM, or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director.
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A.6.a. Eligibility Criteria	<p>This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service worthy of special recognition as described below.</p> <p>The key words for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal are outstanding achievement, which significantly furthers any of the Auxiliary's authorized activities. The Auxiliary Commendation Medal is for outstanding administrative services. This requires services accomplished in a manner, which is much better than could normally be expected from an Auxiliarist of like capability and experience. Neither doing a difficult job well nor doing a routine job in an excellent manner will suffice. The achievement must be truly outstanding.</p>
A.6.b. Award Elements	<p>This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. The operational "O" attachment is not authorized for this award. Subsequent awards are signified by <math>\frac{5}{16}</math>-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.</p>
<b>A.7. Auxiliary Achievement Medal</b>	<p>The Auxiliary Achievement Medal (AAM) is given to Auxiliarists in recognition of their sustained and superior professional and/or leadership achievements in administration or operations. The Auxiliary Achievement Medal may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding officer (O-4 and above) of a Coast Guard unit or serving as a Division Chief or higher at a district, area, FORCECOM, or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director.</p>
A.7.a. Eligibility Criteria	<p>This award recognizes outstanding achievement or service of a nature, which is worthy of special recognition as described below.</p> <p>The key words for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal are sustained professional, leadership achievements and period of time. The Auxiliary Achievement is for recognition of Auxiliarists who have maintained an outstanding level of performance and/or achievement over a period of time to further authorized activities of the Auxiliary. The achievements could be in administration or operations.</p>
A.7.b. Award Elements	<p>This award consists of a ribbon, miniature medal, and certificate. For achievement in operations (defined as direct hands on, underway, surface or airborne aviation mission activity), Auxiliarists may wear the operational "O" attachment centered on the ribbon or the medal's suspension ribbon. Subsequent awards are signified by <math>\frac{5}{16}</math>-inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.</p>
<b>A.8. Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation Ribbon</b>	<p>The Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ribbon (ACLOC) is the Auxiliary's equivalent to the Coast Guard's Commandant Letter of Commendation (CLOC) Ribbon. Coast Guard units and Directors can prepare award citations using the same criteria, format, and style as the CLOC.</p>



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A.8.a. Eligibility Criteria	The award is intended for Auxiliarists serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard or Auxiliary for a superior act of service resulting in unusual and/or outstanding achievement, whose performance is lesser than that required for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal. The award can also be used to recognize an Auxiliarist's service/performance for a special event or project. The ACLOC may be awarded by any Coast Guard Commanding Officer (0-4 and above) of a Coast Guard unit, or serving as a Division Chief at a District, area, FORCECOM, or Headquarters office, or serving as a Director. Recommendations are made on the CG-1650 award recommendation form and submitted to the approving official, via the Auxiliarist's chain of leadership and management.
A.8.b. Award Elements	The ribbon is similar to the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation ribbon with the addition of a vertical white stripe in the middle to identify the ribbon as an Auxiliary award. The Auxiliary award consists of a ribbon and a miniature medal (the Coast Guard award is a ribbon only). The "O" device may be authorized for direct participation in missions of an operational hands-on nature. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding a $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars.

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**Table 11-1  
Relationship Between Coast Guard and Auxiliary Medals**

<b>Coast Guard Auxiliary Medal</b>	<b>Coast Guard Medal</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>Final Approval Authority</b>
Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal	Distinguished Service Medal	Exemplary meritorious achievement	Commandant (see 11.A.1)
Auxiliary Legion of Merit	Legion of Merit	Outstanding meritorious service	Commandant (see 11.A.2)
Auxiliary Plaque of Merit	Coast Guard Medal	Extreme skill and risk during an assist or rescue	Any 4-star or 3-star Flag Officer, or any District Commander (see 11.A.3)
Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal	Meritorious Service Medal	Meritorious service in the performance of duty	Any CG Flag Officer (see 11.A.4)
Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit	Coast Guard Commendation Medal with "O" device	Outstanding operational skill or service	Any CG O-6 and above serving as CO of an operational unit, or Division Chief at District, area, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.5)
Auxiliary Commendation Medal	Coast Guard Commendation Medal without "O" device	Outstanding administrative achievement	Any CG O-5 and above serving as CO, or Division Chief at District, area, FORCECOM, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.6)
Auxiliary Achievement Medal	Coast Guard Achievement Medal "O" on device optional	Individual sustained and superior service	Any CG O-4 and above serving as CO, or Division Chief at District, area, FORCECOM, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.7)
Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation	Commandant Letter of Commendation "O" device optional	Superior act of service	Any CG O-4 and above serving as CO, or Division Chief at District, area, FORCECOM, HQ office, or serving as a DIRAUX (see 11.A.8)




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### **A.9. Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award**

The Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award (HSA) is presented to Auxiliarists who distinguish themselves as individuals or as members of an operational unit by meritorious, direct, non-routine participation in a significant act or operation of a humanitarian nature. Direct participation is defined as being physically present at the designated location, having directly contributed and influenced the action.

This award is considered the Auxiliary equivalent of the military Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM). Since Auxiliarists are not eligible to receive the HSM, the Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award is awarded to Auxiliarists who participate in the same operations where Coast Guard active duty personnel are awarded the HSM.

Participation in domestic disturbances involving law enforcement, equal rights to citizens, or the protection of properties are excluded from this award.

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#### **A.9.a. Eligibility Criteria**

Service rendered in the act or operation being considered must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Must be above and beyond normal duties.
- (2) Must have major significance.
- (3) Must have provided immediate relief, relieved human suffering and should have saved lives.
- (4) Must have affected the outcome of the situation.
- (5) Must have specific dates and must be restricted to the period of immediate relief.

Examples of the types of acts or operations which may qualify for this award include:

- (1) Significant assistance in the event of national or international disasters, natural or man-made, such as, but not limited to earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, typhoons or conflagrations.
- (2) Support or resettlement of refugees or evacuees.
- (3) Significant acts or operations directly related to humanitarian service, which are above and beyond routine service.

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#### **A.9.b. Award Elements**

This award consists of a ribbon and miniature medal. There is no certificate. For subsequent awards, a  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze star is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon and ribbon bar.

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### **A.10. Multiple Awards**

Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards of any of the above by adding  $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch or  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars as specified above.

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**A.11. Auxiliary  
Annual Service  
Performance  
Awards**

These awards recognize the individual contributions of Auxiliarists in Auxiliary Recruiting, VE, RBSV, PE, and Operations programs.

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**A.11.a.  
Eligibility  
Criteria**

Similar to the discontinued AMOS awards, the annual performance awards are to promote activity in critical areas and recognize individual efforts.

Annual Performance Service Awards may be issued in the following categories using the following criteria (completed annually by calendar year - 1 January through 31 December), no retroactive entitlement authorized. Once an Auxiliarist is determined to be eligible for an award it may be presented when an appropriate presentation opportunity arises. It is not necessary to wait until the end of the year to present the award.

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**A.11.b. Award  
Elements**

The awards use the old AMOS ribbons with an additional device to distinguish the new system from the discontinued awards and will include a miniature medal with device and citation. Multiple awards for subsequent years are indicated by adding  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars. One award in each category may be issued to an Auxiliarist each calendar year, as the award is earned. The Annual Performance Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award uses the same ribbon as the discontinued AMOS Member Resources Award with an "S" device, the Auxiliary VE/RBSVP Service Award uses the discontinued AMOS VE ribbon with a "V" device, the Auxiliary PE Service Award uses the discontinued AMOS PE ribbon with an "E" device, and the Auxiliary Operations Service Award uses the discontinued AMOS Operations ribbon with either an "O", "M", or "S" device as prescribed below (only one device may be worn, at the discretion of the wearer). Auxiliarists may continue to wear the old AMOS ribbons previously earned. When a new ribbon of that same category is awarded under the new system, only the new Annual Performance Service ribbon (with associated device) is worn. For example, when earned, the Annual Performance Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award with an "S" device replaces the wearing of the discontinued AMOS Member Resources Award.

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**A.11.c.  
Auxiliary  
Recruiting  
Service**

The Auxiliary Recruiting Service award is awarded for recruiting seven or more new Auxiliarists into the Auxiliary as determined and credited through the FC. A new Auxiliarist must be fully processed through completion of their favorable PSI determination and be shifted out of AP status before being credited towards this award. The year in which the date of the new Auxiliarist's shift from AP status to IQ or BQ status shall be the year to which the new Auxiliarist shall count toward recruiting award recognition.

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A.11.d. VE/RBSVP Service	<p>The VE/RBSVP Service award is awarded for completing a total of 60 or more vessel examinations, of any combination, including Auxiliary surface facilities, recreational boats, paddle craft, personal water craft, commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels (a total of 20 or more examinations, of any combination, of commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels will also earn the award). It may be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more RBSVPs. It may also be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more, of any combination, RBSVPs and vessel examinations identified above.</p>
A.11.e. PE Service	<p>The PE Service award is awarded for IT and/or ITs aides completing thirty or more hours of instruction (in PE or MT), or serving as an ITs aide for sixty or more hours, or completing a combination of IT hours and ITs aide hours to total at least thirty credits (one IT hour equals one credit and one aide hour equals one-half a credit, for example, twenty hours as an IT equals twenty credits and twenty hours as an aide equals ten credits, totaling thirty credits and qualifying to receive the award).</p>
A.11.f. Operations Service	<p>The Operations Service award is awarded for supporting Coast Guard units and missions, including surface operations, air operations, and operational watchstanding (such as communications watchstander, OOD, manning the SAR desk, etc.). Operations support does not include administrative support to operational units, such as answering the office phones, filing case files, and service in the Director's office.</p>
A.11.f.(1) "S" Device	<p>Displays the support "S" device for support activities not involving the movement of a facility (i.e., watchstanding). Complete 200 or more hours of Operational Support activity as entered in AUXDATA with the activity code of UCG.</p>
A.11.f.(2) "O" Device	<p>Displays the operational "O" device for underway (excluding underway for training), surface mission activity (60 or more hours), or for airborne aviation mission activity (excluding training) (30 or more hours). Support for on-the-water readiness exercises does qualify as operational service. No combination of surface and air operations is allowable for this award. Support activity includes those entered in AUXDATA with the activity code of U/W or ABN, excluding any with the submission code of TRN.</p>
A.11.f.(3) "M" Device	<p>Displays the "M" device for activities in support of marine safety, security, and environmental protection programs. An Auxiliarist must earn at least 200 points through any combination of the following weighted activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Commercial fishing vessel exam – 10 points/exam.</li> <li>(b) Uninspected towing vessel exam – 7 points/exam.</li> </ul>



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- (c) Uninspected passenger vessel exam – 4 points/exam.
  - (d) Other commercial vessel exam – 4 points/exam.
  - (e) Each hour performed in any mission in the MS or MEP mission categories or in mission code 80A – 1 point/hour.
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**A.11.f.(4)  
Required Data  
for Ribbons**

The data to support the above ribbons will be obtained from AUXDATA printouts, with the exception of Auxiliary recruiting information, which may be provided by the DSO-HR. Directors, (LCDR (O-4) and above), have authority to issue the awards once the Auxiliarist has performed the prescribed activity levels. Ribbons can only be earned once per calendar year.

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**A.11.g. Award  
Precedence and  
Order**

The Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award precedence is immediately above the Coast Guard Recruiting ribbon in the Auxiliary Award order of precedence. The Auxiliary VE/RBSVP, PE, and Operations Service Awards rank immediately below the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal.

With the exception of the Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award, these awards are worn in the order first earned.

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**A.12.  
Posthumous  
Awards**

All of the above awards may be made posthumously.

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**A.13. Auxiliary  
Specialty  
Ribbon**

This recognition is presented to an Auxiliarist who has successfully completed any AUXOP credit (i.e., minimum one credit earned) until AUXOP designation is earned. Auxiliarists add <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-inch bronze or silver stars, as appropriate, to show successful completion of additional credits which move them closer to achievement of the AUXOP device.

AUXOP designation recognizes the successful completion of all AUXOP requirements, and entitles the Auxiliarist to wear the AUXOP device. Once the device is earned, the Specialty Ribbon shall be removed from wear.

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**A.14. Auxiliary  
Program  
Ribbons**

Ribbons are awarded for the following Auxiliary programs:

- a. Operational Excellence
  - b. Operations
  - c. Marine Safety Trident Specialty
  - d. Examiner
  - e. Instructor
  - f. Public Affairs Specialty
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A.14.a. Operational Excellence Program	<p>The Operational Excellence Program provides Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crews with a challenging opportunity to highlight their proficiency and skills, foster teamwork, encourage offers for use of surface facilities, and promote fellowship among operational members. The program is neither mandatory nor meant to replace qualifications or certification requirements. All program participants shall follow the policies and procedures established in the Coast Guard Auxiliary Operational Excellence Program, COMDTINST 16794.4 (series), in order to earn this award.</p>
A.14.b. Operations Program	<p>This ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas. Auxiliarists who qualify as an Auxiliary boat or air crew member, air observer, AtoN verifier, Coast Guard watchstander, Coast Guard boat crewman, Coast Guard boat engineer, or Auxiliary interpreter (Level A) may wear the Operations Program ribbon. Watchstanders and boat engineers are defined as Auxiliarists who have been designated in writing by a Coast Guard unit, or the Director, as qualified in that position. Auxiliarists designated by the Director as Auxiliary watchstanders according to District requirements may also wear the Operations Program ribbon. Additionally, Auxiliarists holding the Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator (TCO) qualification or who have qualified as AUXCOM prior to 1 August 2008, are authorized to wear the Operations Program ribbon. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding <math>\frac{3}{16}</math>-inch bronze or silver stars. The “E” device is authorized to be worn on the Auxiliary Operations Program ribbon by Auxiliarists who are currently appointed, or have been appointed, as a Qualification Examiner (QE) or Flight Examiner (FE). No miniature “E” device for miniature medals is authorized.</p>
A.14.c. Marine Safety Training	<p>The Marine Safety Training ribbon was created in recognition of the considerable and long-term, sustained effort that Auxiliarists must put forward in order to earn the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia. The ribbon recognizes achievement in the marine safety, security, and environmental protection mission area as a precursor to achievement of the Auxiliary Trident insignia. Auxiliarists who successfully complete the following tasks are entitled to wear this ribbon (there is no time limit in which these tasks must be completed):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) course.</li> <li>(2) Good Mate course.</li> <li>(3) Incident Command System (ICS) courses 100 / 200 / 700 / 800.</li> <li>(4) ICS course 210 (Coast Guard taught) or ISC 300 (FEMA taught).</li> <li>(5) At least one Auxiliary marine safety program PQS.</li> </ol>

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Successful completion of subsequent program PQS shall be denoted by adding  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze stars. After earning the Auxiliary Marine Safety insignia, Auxiliarists shall remove this ribbon from wear.

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A.14.d. Examiner Program  
 The ribbon recognizes qualification as an RBS Program Visitor or in any of the vessel examiner program areas. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars.

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A.14.e. Instructor Program  
 This ribbon recognizes qualification in the IT program.

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A.14.f. Public Affairs Specialty Program  
 This ribbon recognizes successful completion of the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist I competency. Once this competency is achieved, an Auxiliarist may pursue achievement of the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist II and/or the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist III competency. A  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze star shall be placed on the ribbon to recognize successful achievement of each of these competencies.

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**A.15. Auxiliary Service Awards** Auxiliary Service Awards are presented for sustained Auxiliary Service and Auxiliary Member Service.

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A.15.a. Sustained Auxiliary Service Award  
 This award is presented to an Auxiliarist contributing a documented total of 750 volunteer hours of Auxiliary service. Subsequent awards are presented for each additional 750 hours of service. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze or silver stars, until the tenth award, at which time an hourglass device will be used. This award includes a miniature medal, ribbon, and certificate. Eligibility for this award is documented by the Director, using AUXDATA information data, whose staff shall then forward the initial medal/ribbon set issue and a prepared certificate to be presented per district/regional policy. Subsequent awards receive the star or hourglass device and a certificate showing the number of hours being recognized.

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A.15.b. Hourglass Device  
 Auxiliarists wear a single bronze, silver, or gold hourglass device centered on the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award. A ribbon with a bronze hourglass device will designate accumulation of 7,500 volunteer service hours. Multiple star devices shall be removed. A gold hourglass will be awarded after accumulation of 15,000 total volunteer hours. A silver hourglass device shall be awarded after accumulation of 25,000 total volunteer hours. No further star devices or multiple hourglass devices will be added to the ribbon after the hours for each hourglass device level are awarded. Directors will provide the ribbon with a bronze, silver or gold hourglass as replacement for any previous level award.

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A.15.c. Auxiliary Member Service Award

This award is presented to any Auxiliarist who completes five cumulative years (need not be consecutive) of Auxiliary membership. Auxiliarists indicate multiple five-year award increments by adding appropriate bronze or silver  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch stars. This award, at the first five-year increment, includes a miniature medal, ribbon, and certificate. Subsequent awards receive the star device and a certificate showing the numbered years of service. The Director shall sign the certificates that recognize Auxiliarists when their membership reaches 5, 10, 15, and 20-year durations. The appropriate District Commander shall sign such certificates for 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45-year durations.

A plaque, in lieu of a certificate, shall be presented to Auxiliarists when they reach 50 years of membership, and thence for every fifth year thereafter. The Director shall request and obtain such plaques from the Chief Director.

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**A.16.  
Additional  
Auxiliary  
Awards**

The following are additional Auxiliary awards presented to deserving Auxiliarists.

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A.16.a. Life Membership

This award is given to DCOs and all appointed Commodores in recognition of service at the conclusion of their office term. Award of Life Membership does not change membership status or carry any special rights, except exemption from paying National dues. The award consists of a certificate to be presented by the Chief Director and NACO at an appropriate ceremony at a national level meeting. There is no ribbon, medal or plaque connected with Life Membership.

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A.16.b. Certificate of Appreciation

At the Chief Director's discretion, a Chief Director's Certificate of Appreciation may be presented to any Auxiliarist in appreciation for outstanding service in furthering Coast Guard Auxiliary aims or programs. Recommendations for this special certificate should be forwarded through the Director to the Chief Director for consideration and/or processing.

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A.16.c. National Board Auxiliary Awards

The Auxiliary National Board may establish national awards for outstanding performance by Auxiliarists and units in Auxiliary activities and programs. These awards may consist of trophies, plaques, or certificates. The Board's Standing Rules will specify the name, purpose, nature, and applicable conditions of all awards offered.

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A.16.d. District Board Auxiliary Awards

A District Board may establish district awards for outstanding performance by Auxiliarists and units in Auxiliary activities and programs. These awards may consist of trophies, plaques, or certificates. The District Board's Standing Rules will specify the name, purpose, nature and applicable conditions of all awards offered.

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A.16.e.  
Auxiliarist of the  
Year Award

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The Auxiliarist of the Year (AUXOY) award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an eligible Auxiliarist during the previous calendar year. Only those Auxiliarists who demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose appearance and bearing were consistently impeccable, shall be considered for nomination. This award parallels the awards for the Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) and the Civilian Employee of the Year (CEOY) awards. AUXOY tenure shall extend from the date of their announcement as AUXOY until the date of announcement of their successor.

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A.16.e.(1)  
Eligibility  
Criteria

AUXOY nominees must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary for no less than one year from initial enrollment to the date of nomination.
- (b) Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary for no less than one year and no more than three years from initial enrollment.
- (c) Demonstrated exemplary conduct.
- (d) Embraced Coast Guard core values of “Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.”
- (e) Projected exceptional uniform appearance and bearing.
- (f) Delivered consistently outstanding performance in terms of leadership, Auxiliary program skills, personal and work ethics, and Auxiliary knowledge.
- (g) Displayed superb initiative and motivation that helped significantly advance themselves and Auxiliary program(s).
- (h) Performed duties in outstanding fashion and achieved results of high quality, customer service, and teamwork that resulted in improved efficiency and effectiveness of Auxiliary and/or Coast Guard unit(s).

Other related contributions, achievements, and awards should be included for consideration.

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A.16.e.(2)  
Submission  
Requirements

AUXOY nomination packages shall be processed as follows:

- (a) The NACO shall solicit nominations during the month of January each year.
  - (b) Nomination packages must originate at the Flotilla level and be able to be electronically forwarded and processed. Packages shall adhere to the minimum requirements prescribed by the sample format in Appendix F. Any package must be submitted to the regional EXCOM via the nominee’s chain of leadership.
  - (c) The regional EXCOM must validate all nomination packages and determine which nomination to forward. The DCO shall endorse and forward only one AUXOY nomination from the region to the respective DNACO by 28 February.
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- (d) Upon review of all packages, the DNACO shall endorse and forward only one nomination to the VNACO by 15 March.
  - (e) The VNACO shall chair a selection committee composed of the DNACOs to make the AUXOY selection. Upon selection, the VNACO shall forward the package to the NACO.
  - (f) The NACO shall submit the package to the Chief Director by 15 April.
  - (g) The Chief Director shall review and forward the package to CCG by 30 April.
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A.16.e.(3)  
Recognition

The AUXOY shall receive the following recognition:

- (a) Announcement of award by ALCOAST message.
- (b) Award presentation at the National Conference (NACON). Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for the AUXOY and spouse will be covered with orders issued by the Chief Director.
- (c) Recommendation for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal to be submitted by the VNACO.
- (d) AUXOY names shall be inscribed on a perpetual plaque on permanent display at CGHQ.
- (e) Issuance of a personalized keeper plaque.

An AUXOY may be requested, with NACO concurrence, to represent the Auxiliary at other official functions and ceremonies during their tenure.

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A.16.f.  
Commodore  
Charles S.  
Greanoff  
Inspirational  
Leadership  
Award

This award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an FC during the calendar year. Only those FCs who demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose appearance and bearing were consistently impeccable, shall be considered for nomination. This award parallels other Coast Guard Inspirational Leadership Awards: the Captain John G. Whitherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award for active duty and Reserve officers, the George R. Putnam Inspirational Leadership Award for civilians, and the MCPO Angela M. McShan Inspirational Leadership Award for active duty or Reserve Chief Petty Officers (E-7). The period of award must start with assumption of office on January 1 of the calendar year.

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A.16.f.(1)  
Eligibility  
Criteria

Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Been an Auxiliarist in good standing at the time of selection (February).
  - (b) Served as incumbent FC at the time of the solicitation for the award (October).
  - (c) Regularly demonstrated unwavering leadership prowess, including the ability to gain genuine commitment from all levels of the organization.
  - (d) Exemplified Coast Guard core values of "Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty."
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- (e) Demonstrated sincere interest and concern for others and their success in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
  - (f) Displayed a keen sense of ethical conduct and exhibited a high degree of personal integrity.
  - (g) Earned the high esteem and admiration of others.
  - (h) Fostered the spirit and intent of diversity.
  - (i) Motivated others to excel in mission performance.
  - (j) Was a positive role model and mentor.
  - (k) Projected professional uniform appearance and bearing.
  - (l) Other related contributions, achievements, and awards during the period should be included for consideration.
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A.16.f.(2)  
Submission  
Requirements

Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award nomination packages shall be processed as follows:

- (a) The NACO shall solicit nominations during the month of September each year.
  - (b) Nomination packages must originate at the Flotilla level and may be submitted by any member directly to the DCDR. Packages must be able to be electronically forwarded and processed. Packages should adhere to the minimum requirements prescribed by the sample format in Appendix F. The DCDR must submit the Division's selection to the DCO by 15 October.
  - (c) The district/regional EXCOM must validate all nomination packages and determine which nomination to forward. The DCO shall endorse and forward only one award nomination from the district/region to the respective DNACO by 1 November.
  - (d) Upon review of all packages, the DNACO shall endorse and forward all nominations for the area to the Chief Director, with copies to the VNACO and the NACO, for review by 5 November.
  - (e) Given concurrence of the VNACO and the NACO, the Chief Director shall forward all nomination packages to the Chief, Office of Leadership and Development (CG-133) by 10 November.
  - (f) CG-133 shall convene a selection committee consisting of one O-6 (Captain), one E-9 (Master Chief Petty Officer), one civilian, and one Auxiliary Commodore. The final nominee will be selected by January.
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A.16.f.(3) Recognition	<p>The recipient of the Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award shall receive the following recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Announcement of award by ALCOAST and ALAUX message.</li> <li>(b) Award presentation will take place at a ceremony in Washington, DC during the Commandant's State of the Coast Guard address (March), in conjunction with the Whitherspoon, McShan, and Putnam Inspirational Leadership Awards. A trophy will be presented. Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for the recipient and spouse will be covered by orders that will be issued by CG-133.</li> <li>(c) Recommendation for the Auxiliary Commendation Medal to be submitted by the VNACO.</li> <li>(d) An article and photo will be published in the Coast Guard's Leadership News and Navigator E-Magazine.</li> <li>(e) The Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Inspirational Leadership Award recipient may be requested, with the NACO concurrence, to represent the Auxiliary at other official functions and ceremonies during their tenure.</li> </ul>
A.16.g. Auxiliary Diversity Award	<p>The Auxiliary Diversity Award recognizes the most exemplary performance in the field of diversity by an eligible Auxiliarist. Only those Auxiliarists who have demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of conduct and consistent support of the Auxiliary's diversity goals and the Coast Guard Diversity Policy Statement, shall be considered for nomination. This award is not an annual award, but rather shall be implemented in accordance with the following provisions at the discretion of the NACO.</p>
A.16.g.(1) Eligibility Criteria	<p>Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Been an Auxiliarist in good standing for at least one year at the time of nomination.</li> <li>(b) Demonstrated exemplary conduct.</li> <li>(c) Exemplified Coast Guard core values of "Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty."</li> <li>(d) Delivered consistently outstanding performance in terms of leadership in the field of diversity, personal, and work ethics, and support of the Coast Guard's Diversity Policy.</li> <li>(e) Displayed superb initiative and motivation that helped significantly advance the Coast Guard's diversity goals: create a positive environment, value all members, and promote individual success.</li> <li>(f) Participated in recruiting and retention activities to increase the diversity of the Auxiliary.</li> <li>(g) Participated in diversity training sessions and presentations.</li> <li>(h) Promoted the NACO's 3-Star Diversity Awards.</li> </ul>



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- (i) Projected professional uniform appearance and bearing.
  - (j) Other related contributions, achievements, and awards during the period should be included for consideration.
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A.16.g.(2)  
Submission  
Requirements

Auxiliary Diversity Award nomination packages shall be processed as follows:

- (a) The NACO shall solicit nominations during the month of September each year.
  - (b) Nomination packages may originate at any level of the organization and must be able to be electronically forwarded and processed. Packages must be submitted to the district/regional EXCOM via the chain of leadership by 1 October.
  - (c) The district/regional EXCOM must validate all nomination packages and determine which nomination to forward. The DCO shall endorse and forward only one award nomination from the district/region to the respective DNACO by 1 November.
  - (d) Upon review of all packages, the DNACO shall endorse and forward only one nomination for the area to the VNACO by 15 November.
  - (e) Any package submitted by the national staff must be reviewed by the appropriate Directorate Chief and ANACO, and then be forwarded to the appropriate DNACO by 1 November. Each DNACO shall endorse and forward only one nomination to the VNACO by 15 November.
  - (f) The VNACO shall chair a selection committee composed of the DNACOs to make the diversity award selection. Upon selection, the VNACO shall forward the package to the NACO by 1 December.
  - (g) The NACO shall submit the package to the Chief Director by 10 December.
  - (h) The Chief Director shall review and forward the package to the Chief, Diversity Workforce Staff (CG-12B) by 15 December.
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A.16.g.(3)  
Recognition

The recipient of the Auxiliary Diversity Award shall receive the following recognition:

- (a) Announcement of award by ALCOAST and ALAUX message.
  - (b) Award presentation at N-Train in January. Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for the recipient and spouse will be covered by orders that will be issued by CG-12B.
  - (c) An article will be published in Navigator E-Magazine.
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A.16.h. Awards  
for  
Non-Auxiliarists

There are occasions when individuals, who are not Auxiliarists, contribute significantly to promoting Auxiliary goals and missions. Such contributions and efforts are important to recognize in the following manner:

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- A.16.h.(1)  
Certificate of Appreciation
- An Auxiliary award, known as the Certificate of Appreciation, is authorized for presentation to non-Auxiliarists. Those persons who, in the NACO's or DCO's opinion, have given noteworthy cooperation or assistance to the Auxiliary and its activities are eligible to receive this certificate with the NACO's or DCO's signature and with an embossed Auxiliary seal. Award recommendations are submitted via Auxiliary channels to NACO or DCO.
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- A.16.h.(2)  
Honorary Membership
- Individuals, who are not Auxiliarists, may be awarded Honorary Membership. Such distinction is intended to honor individuals who provide notable service to the Auxiliary and its programs. In certain limited and selected cases, non-Auxiliarists may be awarded the title of Honorary Commodore. See paragraph D.5 of Chapter 3 for specific information.
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- A.17. Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal**
- This award is given annually to one flotilla in each district or region. The winning flotilla is subjectively judged by the DCO and Director to have made the most significant contributions to the Auxiliary program that year. Auxiliarists, who have been flotilla members for at least six months and a day during the award period, are eligible to wear the award's ribbon and receive the award's certificate. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding  $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch gold or silver stars.
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- A.18. Anniversary Streamers**
- In recognition of reaching the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its charter date, an Auxiliary region, division, or flotilla may display a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary streamer. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary streamer shall be blue with white letters that display, "50 YEARS". Subsequent unit charter anniversaries may be similarly recognized by the following streamers: the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary streamer shall be red with white letters that display, "60 YEARS", the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary streamer shall be platinum with blue letters that display, "70 YEARS", and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary streamer shall be white with blue letters that display, "75 YEARS".
- A streamer shall be displayed only as an attachment to the regional flag or the unit's Auxiliary ensign. A streamer may be displayed at meetings and for ceremonial purposes. Similar to a commissioning pennant, an Auxiliary organizational unit may only retain and display one streamer of any anniversary, and its custody shall be kept by the unit elected leader. Streamers shall normally be available through the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN).
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- A.19. Discontinued Awards**
- The following listed awards are no longer issued:
- a. Air Observer/Pilot Ribbon
  - b. Auxiliary Service Award
  - c. Flotilla Achievement Medals (the six GAP ribbons)
  - d.  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch bronze star denoting qualification as Master IT
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**A.20. Auxiliary Program Certificates**

Auxiliary program certificates formally and tangibly recognize significant Auxiliary achievement. Accordingly, Auxiliary program certificates shall convey decorum and dignity consistent with Coast Guard core values.

Only the Director or appropriate Coast Guard command authority may sign Auxiliary program certificates that recognize:

- a. Award of a ribbon, medal, attachment, badge (except Auxiliary National Staff badge), device, pin, insignia (except that for appointed office), decal, or streamer/pennant.
- b. Program qualification (e.g., instructor, vessel examiner, Coastie operator).
- c. Change in Auxiliary status (e.g., enrollment, retirement).
- d. Auxiliary service recognition programs (e.g., Member Service).
- e. Auxiliary Specialty Course completion.
- f. Auxiliary unit charters.

These Auxiliary program certificates shall be approved by the Chief Director and employ standardized formats for their respective subjects of recognition. Such standardized formats shall be used regardless of the source or method of issuance (e.g., certificates issued either directly from a Director's office or through the Auxiliary National Testing Center). These Auxiliary program certificates and select other standard national certificates (e.g., certificate of appreciation, certificate of training/workshop completion) shall be available online through the Chief Director and Auxiliary web sites ([www.uscg.mil/auxiliary](http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary) and [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org), respectively).

This does not preclude the creation and use of certificates at regional or local levels for specific recognition purposes. Such certificates shall similarly convey decorum and dignity consistent with Coast Guard core values, and shall not duplicate the certificates listed in (a)-(f) above in terms of function or purpose.

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## Section B. Coast Guard Unit and Service Awards

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**Introduction** This section describes Coast Guard unit and service awards that Auxiliarists are eligible to receive. Award eligibility criteria are described in Chapter 3 of the Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series).

Coast Guard awards policy allows pennants authorized for unit commendation awards to be displayed by Coast Guard units for a period of three years from the date the award is presented, and thereafter for ceremonial/dress occasions. When an Auxiliary unit is awarded a unit commendation that has an authorized pennant, it is authorized to fly that pennant for the same period of time and in the same fashion. For this purpose, Auxiliary units are defined as:

1. Auxiliary surface facilities 65 feet in length or more while operating under orders, not underway; and,
2. Auxiliary unit-owned or Coast Guard-owned/Auxiliary-operated fixed structures (e.g., search-and-rescue stations/detachments) and buildings used for administrative purposes (e.g., meetings) that have a permanent mast or yardarm suitable for the proper display of flags and pennants.

Coast Guard funds may be used to procure authorized award pennants for appropriate unit display. Pennants may not be flown on personal flag staffs.

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### B.1. Presidential Unit Citation

The Presidential Unit Citation is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any unit of the Coast Guard for outstanding performance in action. Auxiliarists are eligible for this award only if they were serving with a cited unit and meet the eligibility criteria. Recommendations for Coast Guard and Auxiliary units should be forwarded to the Secretary of the department under which the Coast Guard is operating. Individuals and units will display the version of the Presidential Unit Citation based on the Secretary who authorized the award (e.g., the Presidential Unit Citation (Coast Guard) when authorized by DHS).

On 25 May 2006, the Presidential Unit Citation was issued by the President to all eligible members of the Coast Guard, including all eligible Auxiliarists, in recognition of the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina from 29 August 2005 to 13 September 2005. The Hurricane Distinguishing Device was authorized for all awardees.

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**B.2. Coast  
Guard Unit and  
Meritorious  
Unit  
Commendations**

Auxiliarists and Auxiliary units are eligible to be awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation and the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation. These awards consist of ribbons only, there are no miniature medals. A Flag officer must approve these awards. The Operational Distinguishing Device (silver "O") may be authorized. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by <sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-inch gold or silver stars.

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**B.3.  
Commandant  
Award of Coast  
Guard Unit  
Commendation**

On 1 September 1993, the Commandant awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation to Auxiliarists who served during the period October 1991 through November 1992. On 10 August 1999, the Commandant awarded a second Coast Guard Unit Commendation to the Auxiliary for service from 23 June 1939 through 23 June 1999. On 1 September 2002, the Commandant awarded the third Coast Guard Unit Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device to Auxiliarists who served during the period 11 September 2001 through 1 September 2002. On 23 June 2009, the Commandant awarded the fourth Coast Guard Unit Commendation to Auxiliarists who served during the period 24 June 1999 through 23 June 2009. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding <sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-inch gold or silver stars, as appropriate.

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**B.4. Coast  
Guard  
Meritorious  
Team  
Commendation**

The Meritorious Team Commendation (MTC) must be processed via the respective Coast Guard administrative or operational unit awards board. To be eligible, an Auxiliarist must have made a significant contribution to the group or team cited for the award.

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**B.4.a.  
Recommendations**

The Coast Guard command, exercising operational or administrative control of the chartered team, should initiate the recommendation. Recommendations for the MTC are made to the appropriate Coast Guard commander for actions under their control. Recommendations involving Auxiliary National Staff members must be forwarded to the Chief Director for action.

Separate recommendations for each team member are not required. A single award recommendation form (CG-1650) with a proposed citation, together with a complete listing of all eligible Auxiliarists must be included. If the operational "O" device is recommended, the citation should indicate the same.

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B.4.b. Eligibility Criteria	Only those Auxiliarists who serve for the entire meritorious period and made a significant contribution to the overall team accomplishments should be included. For Auxiliarists, include full name, EMPLID, and current office held. For Coast Guard members, include full name, rank/grade, EMPLID, and current unit assignments.
B.4.c. Award Elements	The award consists of a ribbon only. There is no miniature medal. The operational "O" is attached when authorized. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> -inch gold or silver stars as appropriate.
B.4.d. Retired Award	The MTC and the Auxiliary Group Action Award recognize the same levels of performance and Auxiliarists are eligible to recommend or receive either award, however, the Auxiliary Group Action Award is retired. Auxiliarists who previously earned the Group Action Award may continue to wear it until unserviceable.
<b>B.5. Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation</b>	Only those Auxiliarists who were Auxiliarists during the entire period from March 1989 to October 1989 are authorized to wear the Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation. The award consists of a ribbon only. There is no miniature medal.
<b>B.6. Special Operations Service Ribbon</b>	Auxiliarists who participate in a Coast Guard special operation, not involving combat, may receive this award. It is for Auxiliarists not recognized by another service award for the same operation, during the same period of service. This award can be authorized by the Commandant or an Area Commander.
<b>B.7. Awards for Recruiting Personnel into the Coast Guard Active Duty or Reserves</b>	<p>Auxiliarists who complete the Coast Guard recruiter PQS and have augmented a recruiting office for two years are eligible for the Coast Guard Recruiting Service ribbon. Auxiliarists apply via the Coast Guard recruiter at the Recruiting Office they augment. Approval authority is the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Recruiting Command.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Recommendations should be forwarded to:          Commanding Officer          Recruiting Command          U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7500          2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 500          Arlington, VA 20598-7500</p>



B.7.a. Enlisted Recruit	Auxiliarists will be awarded an ACLOC for their first referral that results in an enlistment and an Auxiliary Achievement Medal for their third referral that results in an enlistment. Auxiliarists apply via the Coast Guard recruiter at the Recruiting Office they augment. Approval authority is the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Recruiting Command.
B.7.b. Academy Recruit	Auxiliarists will also be awarded an ACLOC for the first person they recruit and an Auxiliary Achievement Medal for the third person they recruit who successfully enter the Academy under the AIM program. Auxiliarists apply via their Auxiliary chain of leadership and management to their Director (O-4 and above), who can approve and issue the awards.
<b>B.8. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety Award of Excellence</b>	<p>The Coast Guard Boating Safety Division (CG-5422) awards its Recreational Boating Safety Awards of Excellence (aka – Eagle Awards) each year to recognize Auxiliarists from each of the three geographic Auxiliary areas who have made outstanding contributions to recreational boating safety missions. There is no ribbon, medal, device, or any other uniform item associated with this award. Related programmatic and logistical questions about this award program shall be directed to CG-5422.</p> <p>Nominees shall be processed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Chief Director shall run an RBS device report from AUXDATA for the previous calendar year on April 1, and forward it to the Director of Performance Measurement.</li> <li>b. The Director of Performance Measurement shall add the previous credits and current credits from the AUXDATA report for each member listed to determine each member's total credits.</li> <li>c. The Director of Performance Measurement will provide a list of the top five members from each Auxiliary region and their respective credit totals to the appropriate DNACOs by May 1.</li> <li>d. The DNACOs shall immediately forward the lists to the appropriate DCOs along with instructions to nominate a member from their list who best exemplified excellence in their support of RBS missions during the award period.</li> <li>e. Each DCO shall prepare a short commendation statement (additional relevant RBS-related statistics are encouraged) to justify the nomination and submit it to the appropriate DNACO by May 20.</li> <li>f. Each DNACO shall select and submit their respective area nomination, including commendation statement, to CG-5422 by June 1.</li> <li>g. CG-5422 shall present these awards at the next National Conference.</li> </ol>



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**B.9. Award for  
Other Coast  
Guard  
Personnel**

Auxiliarists are encouraged to work through the appropriate Coast Guard chain of command to ensure that other Coast Guard personnel who make significant contributions to the Auxiliary program receive due recognition. Auxiliary elected leaders at any organizational level should work closely with their Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, and civilian counterparts to recommend deserving Coast Guard personnel for appropriate military and civilian awards.

Coast Guard active duty and Reserve personnel are not authorized to wear any Auxiliary miniature medal, ribbon, badge, or device on any uniform.

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## Section C. Applicable Non-Military Awards

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<b>Introduction</b>	This section describes the miscellaneous non-military awards that Coast Guard Auxiliarists are eligible to receive.
<b>C.1. Secretary of Transportation's Outstanding Unit Award</b>	Only those Auxiliarists enrolled in the Auxiliary from October 1993 to 30 September 1994 are authorized to wear the ribbon that accompanies the DOT Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award. The ribbon is surrounded by a gold frame. No miniature medals are authorized for this award.
<b>C.2. Department of Transportation 9-11 Medal</b>	This medal has been awarded to employees of the DOT and private citizens for meritorious service resulting from unusual and outstanding achievement in response to the attacks on 11 September 2001. Specifically, this award was authorized for the following personnel:
<b>C.2.a. Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Posthumously presented to those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 that had immediate family employed by DOT.</li> <li>(2) Employees of DOT who were on scene at the World Trade Center Complex in New York, the crash site in Pennsylvania, or at the Pentagon on 11 September 2001 and performed a role in the initial rescue and recovery operations.</li> <li>(3) All personnel directly involved in the evacuation of lower Manhattan to include DOT employees, masters and crews of commercial vessels and crews of recreational boats that actually transported evacuees during the evacuation on 11 September 2001. The level of effort must clearly set the Auxiliarist above that described in the 9/11 Ribbon.</li> <li>(4) Personnel that demonstrated extraordinary participation or leadership while patrolling harbors, securing critical infrastructure facilities, escorting high interest vessels and conducting boardings of vessels entering U.S. waters during the period of 11 September 2001 to 11 September 2002. The level of effort must clearly set the Auxiliarist above that described in the 9/11 ribbon.</li> <li>(5) Employees of DOT who demonstrated extraordinary dedication or leadership between 11 September 2001 and 11 September 2002. Participation must have been at an exceptional level to warrant consideration for the awarding of the 9/11 Medal. The level of effort must clearly set the Auxiliarist well above that described in the 9/11 Ribbon.</li> </ol>

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**C.3.  
Department of  
Transportation  
9-11 Ribbon**

This ribbon has been awarded to individuals who served in any capacity with the DOT, merchant marines, or other civilians, for an act or service that contributed to recovery from the attacks of 11 September 2001, and force protection following the attacks or efforts that directly contributed to the increased infrastructure security effort between 11 September 2001 and 11 September 2002.

**C.3.a. Eligibility  
Criteria**

- (1) Coast Guard units that shifted Operational Control (OPCON) to Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, or Protecting Liberty for any amount of time between 11 September 2001 and 11 September 2002.
- (2) All personnel involved in patrolling harbors, critical infrastructure facilities, escorting high interest vessels, and conducting boardings of vessels entering U.S. waters during the period of 11 September 2001 to 11 September 2002. Participation in these operations must be no less than 14 days.
- (3) All personnel to include active, Reserve, Auxiliary, and civilian personnel that manned or augmented for no less than 14 days, Coast Guard, DOT, FEMA, and DoD command centers (including Operations Centers at Groups and above, COTP ICS, FEMA Regional Operations Centers, and VTS) between 11 September 2001 and 11 September 2002.

**C.4. Lifesaving  
Awards**

Auxiliarists are eligible to receive the Gold or Silver Lifesaving Medal for rescuing or trying to rescue another person from drowning, shipwreck, or other peril of the water. The Gold Lifesaving Medal is earned only when the rescue or attempt is at the risk of one's own life. If the action was taken while assigned to duty as an Auxiliarist, award of the Auxiliary Plaque of Merit is more appropriate than the Lifesaving Medals.

**C.5. Public  
Service Awards**

Under the provisions of the Public Affairs Manual, COMDTINST M5728.2 (series), actions eligible for Auxiliary service medals and awards are not eligible for Public Service Awards. Auxiliarists are eligible for a Public Service Award only when it is clearly demonstrated that no other award is appropriate.

**C.6. Coast  
Guard  
Foundation,  
Inc. Award of  
the Year**

Auxiliarists, by outstanding service to the Coast Guard, also may be eligible for the annual Coast Guard Foundation Award. The Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series), contains the authorization and criteria for this award.



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**C.7.  
Association for  
Rescue at Sea  
Silver Medal  
Award**

The Association for Rescue at Sea (AFRAS) has created the Silver Medal Award to recognize a Coast Guard Auxiliarist involved in a heroic rescue at sea. The event must involve the rescue of life from sea where heroic action of the person being nominated is uniquely distinguished. Nominations should consist of a short cover letter indicating the nominee's name and flotilla and a short narrative (1 to 2 pages) to fully document the event. The award is submitted to the Chief, Office of Search and Rescue (CG-534), via the Auxiliarist's regional chain of leadership and management to the cognizant District Commander and thence to NACO. Award nominations are due at CG-534 by 1 February of each calendar year. The award is presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., attended by members of Congress, AFRAS members, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and senior Coast Guard personnel. More information on AFRAS and the AFRAS awards can be found at [www.afras.org](http://www.afras.org).

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## Section D. Making a Recommendation

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<b>Introduction</b>	This section provides general guidance and procedures for making award recommendations.
<b>D.1. Who Can Recommend</b>	Military and Coast Guard civilian personnel are highly encouraged to make Auxiliary award recommendations, and may submit them directly to the appropriate chain of command. For consideration of all listed awards (except the ADSM, ALOM, APOM, and the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement), any Auxiliarist may make an Auxiliary award recommendation via the chain of leadership and management to the designated Auxiliary awarding elected or appointed leader.
<b>D.2. National Commodore</b>	National Staff members may recommend to the NACO, via the chain of leadership and management, the consideration of a staff member for an award. The NACO will review it and forward it to the Chief Director with either a favorable or unfavorable endorsement. The Chief Director will endorse, as appropriate, and forward final action.
<b>D.3. Command Initiated Awards</b>	All Coast Guard personnel shall initiate and/or approve meritorious awards for deserving Auxiliarists at the appropriate awarding authority levels. Coast Guard Senior Executive Service (SES) civilian personnel, serving in appropriate award authority positions, may take action or approve Auxiliary Awards in the same manner as comparable Flag officers.
<b>D.4. What to Recommend</b>	The key words in the paragraphs describing the meritorious awards will help with the decision. If the act or service meets the requirements, the recommendation is appropriate. If they do not, either an award is not indicated or, the wrong award is being considered.
<b>D.5. Philosophy</b>	Only the truly deserving should receive recognition. To do otherwise dilutes the significance of the award for the deserving recipient and minimizes the value of these awards to the entire organization. Good performance and service should always be recognized, but the presentation of formal awards should be reserved for Auxiliarists who have truly distinguished themselves in their Auxiliary service.



## **D.6. Procedures**

The recommending Auxiliary elected or appointed leader shall submit the recommendation form and the supporting documents, through the chain of leadership and management, to the NACO or DCO, as appropriate, who will endorse the recommendation, ensure its citation is quality checked and signature ready, and send it to the applicable reviewing personnel for consideration. Award citations coming through the chain of leadership and management shall be signature ready or at the very least shall closely follow the quality of sample citations found in the Chief Director web site ([www.uscg.mil/auxiliary](http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary)). Coast Guard personnel will use the appropriate chain of leadership and management with a copy to the respective Director of Auxiliary. The following documentation is required to have an award recommendation considered.

### **D.6.a. Award Recommendation Form**

A Coast Guard Award Recommendation Form (CG-1650) shall be prepared by the recommending Auxiliary elected or appointed leader.

### **D.6.b. Summary of Action or Service**

To make the recommendation for any of the above awards, a summary of action or service (except as noted below) must be prepared by the recommending Auxiliary elected or appointed leader. This must be attached to the award recommendation, along with any documents (newspaper clippings, statements from those assisted, copies of Coast Guard station logs, letters, etc.) that help justify the recommendation. This summary is the most important part of the recommendation. Approval or disapproval will be based on the justification presented. Avoid generalities and excessive use of superlatives. Include any of the following, if pertinent or available:

- (1) Specific examples
- (2) Service impact
- (3) Positive results
- (4) Monetary savings
- (5) Eyewitness statements
- (6) Nature of action
- (7) Date or inclusive dates
- (8) Precise location
- (9) Time of day
- (10) Names of all involved
- (11) Detailed weather conditions
- (12) Amount of natural or artificial light
- (13) Any other pertinent information

The Summary of Action is not required for the AMOM, ACM, the AAM, or the ACLOC. The Summary of Action for the AMSM should be limited to one page.



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**D.6.c. Citation** The citation is the account of heroic acts or of meritorious achievement of services. It is essentially a condensation of the summary of action or service. Recipients of awards are entitled to well prepared citations that will be cherished by the Auxiliarist and be a source of pride to their families. The citation may be prepared by an Auxiliary Awards Committee. NACO and DCOs are responsible to maintain and directly contribute to high quality signature ready citations. It is through their experience and leadership that the awards program will be successful for truly deserving Auxiliarists.

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**D.7. Other Organizations** Awards and recognition shall originate and be processed within the organization to which an Auxiliarist's contributions are credited. For example, if an Auxiliarist volunteers to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its response to a natural disaster as an employee of FEMA, then any recognition for such shall be expected to originate within FEMA.

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## Section E. Procurement of Awards

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<b>Introduction</b>	This section briefly describes how awards are procured for issue.
<b>E.1. Initial Issue</b>	Any initial award issue should be provided through the Coast Guard at no cost to the Auxiliarist. Directors acquire Auxiliary award stocks through the ANSC. Coast Guard awards should be acquired through district channels or through Commandant (CG-1221).
<b>E.2. Replacements</b>	Auxiliarists may purchase replacement Auxiliary ribbons, medals, and devices, for all appropriate awards and qualifications, from the AUXCEN through established district channels. Replacement Coast Guard awards may be purchased through Department of Defense/Coast Guard exchanges or through the Coast Guard UDC in Woodbine, NJ.

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## Section F. Manner of Wearing Miniatures and Ribbon Attachments

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<b>Introduction</b>	This section describes the manner in which miniatures and ribbons shall be worn by Auxiliarists.
<b>F.1. Miniature Medals</b>	Most Auxiliary awards, except the Specialty Award, have a corresponding miniature medal. When an award has no miniature medal, Auxiliarists may not wear the ribbon alone on dinner dress uniforms.
<b>F.2. Miniature Devices</b>	Auxiliarists should wear only miniature medals and devices on dinner dress uniforms. Auxiliarists may wear the AUXOP and past officer devices on dress uniforms.
<b>F.3. Placement of Attachments</b>	<p>Figure 11-1 shows the proper placement of various ribbon attachments to include stars, the operational silver letter “O” device, and hourglass device.</p> <p>Attachments may be centered on suspension ribbons of miniature medals as authorized on the award. For the sake of neatness, Auxiliarists should wear no more than five attachments per ribbon.</p>
F.3.a. Silver “O”	The silver “O” attachment may be worn on the AMSM, AAM, ACLOC and Annual Service Performance Operations Service Award. It may also be worn on the CGUC, CGMUC, CGMTC, and the Auxiliary Group Action Award. When worn, Auxiliarists should center the “O” on the ribbon.
F.3.b. Large Stars	Auxiliarists show multiple personal (also used on the ACLOC), unit, and discontinued AMOS awards by wearing large gold or silver $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch stars on the specified award ribbons. A gold star represents the second award. Auxiliarists add gold stars for each additional award through the fifth award. For the sixth award, a silver star replaces the four gold stars.
F.3.c. Small Stars	Auxiliarists wear small bronze or silver $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch stars on the Annual Service Performance Award ribbons, the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award, the Membership Service Award, and Specialty ribbons. The $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch stars will show additional qualifications and multiple awards, respectively. A bronze star represents a second award or an advanced qualification. Auxiliarists add bronze stars for each additional award or advanced qualification, through the fifth occasion. For the sixth award or advanced qualification, Auxiliarists replace the four bronze stars with a silver star shown in the illustration provided.



**F.4.  
Discontinued  
Attachments**

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Auxiliarists are not authorized to wear anchors, the letters “X” and “V”, and numerals on any Coast Guard or Auxiliary ribbons. Those Auxiliarists still wearing retired ribbons should remove these attachments from them.

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**F.5. Other  
Organizations**

Auxiliarists are not authorized to wear awards from non-military organizations or other Government agencies except as specifically allowed by this Manual. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, awards from state and local governments and awards from fraternal organizations (e.g., VFW).

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**Ribbons with the “O”**

**Ribbons without an “O”**



First Award



Second Award



Third Award



Fourth Award



Fifth Award



Sixth Award



Seventh Award



Eighth Award



Ninth Award



Silver Letter “O”

Tenth Award



	$\frac{5}{16}$ " Gold Star
	$\frac{3}{16}$ " Bronze Star

Eleventh Award



	$\frac{5}{16}$ " Silver Star
	$\frac{3}{16}$ " Silver Star

Twelfth Award



Thirteenth Award



**Figure 11-1  
Ribbons With and Without “O”**





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## Section G. Precedence for Awards

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**Introduction** The Auxiliary's Awards, as the parent organization, will precede all other organizational awards, except as noted. DOT awards are listed, but other civilian Governmental departments, international, and foreign awards may be appropriately worn. Information on other award precedence not shown is available from the Chief Director or as found in the Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series), or Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). When the wearing of ribbons is required, Auxiliarists may wear all ribbons authorized, their three senior ribbons or their choice of nine of their authorized ribbons. The order of precedence for awards that may be worn by Auxiliarists is provided in Tables 11-2 through 11-8 as follows:

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**Table 11-2  
Personal Decorations**

<b>Order of Precedence</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>1</b>	Medal of Honor
<b>2</b>	* Distinguished Service Cross; Air Force Cross
<b>3</b>	Navy Cross 11-18
<b>4</b>	<b>Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal</b>
<b>5</b>	Defense Distinguished Service Medal
<b>6</b>	* Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal
<b>7</b>	Distinguished Service Medals: Navy; Air Force
<b>8</b>	Presidential Medal of Freedom
<b>9</b>	National Security Medal
<b>10</b>	NASA Distinguished Service Medal
<b>11</b>	National Science Medal
<b>12</b>	Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal
<b>13</b>	PHS Distinguished Service Medal
<b>14</b>	Silver Star Medal
<b>15</b>	Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement (DOT Individual Bronze Medal)
<b>16</b>	Defense Superior Service Medal
<b>17</b>	DOT Guardian Medal
<b>18</b>	Auxiliary Legion of Merit
<b>19</b>	Legion of Merit
<b>20</b>	Distinguished Flying Cross
<b>21</b>	<b>Auxiliary Plaque of Merit</b>
<b>22</b>	Coast Guard Medal
<b>23</b>	* Navy/Marine Corps Medal
<b>24</b>	Soldier's Medal
<b>25</b>	Airman's Medal
<b>26</b>	Gold Lifesaving Medal
<b>27</b>	Distinguished Public Service Award
<b>28</b>	Bronze Star Medal
<b>29</b>	Purple Heart Medal
<b>30</b>	<b>Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal</b>




**Table 11-2  
Personal Decorations - Continued**

<b>Order of Precedence</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>31</b>	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
<b>32</b>	Meritorious Service Medal
<b>33</b>	Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal
<b>34</b>	PHS Meritorious Service Medal
<b>35</b>	Air Medal
<b>36</b>	Silver Lifesaving Medal
<b>37</b>	Meritorious Public Service Award
<b>38</b>	Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement (DOT Individual Silver Medal)
<b>39</b>	<b>Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Auxiliary Commendation Medal</b>
<b>41</b>	* Joint Service Commendation Medal
<b>42</b>	Coast Guard Commendation Medal
<b>43</b>	Commendation Medals: Navy; Army; Air Force
<b>44</b>	Merchant Marine Mariner's Medal
<b>45</b>	PHS Outstanding Service Medal
<b>46</b>	PHS Commendation Medal
<b>47</b>	Secretary's Award for Superior Achievement (DOT Individual Bronze Medal)
<b>48</b>	<b>DOT 9/11 Medal</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Auxiliary Achievement Medal</b>
<b>50</b>	Joint Service Achievement Medal
<b>51</b>	* Coast Guard Achievement Medal
<b>52</b>	Achievement Medals: Navy; Army; Air Force
<b>53</b>	PHS Achievement Medal
<b>54</b>	NOAA Corps Director's Ribbon
<b>55</b>	<b>Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar</b>
<b>56</b>	<b>Sustained Auxiliary Service Award</b>
<b>57</b>	Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar
<b>58</b>	Combat Action Ribbon
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.



**Table 11-3  
Unit Awards**

Order of Precedence	Award
<b>1</b>	<b>Presidential Unit Citation</b>
<b>2</b>	Joint Meritorious Unit Award
<b>3</b>	<b>DOT Outstanding Unit Award</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Coast Guard Unit Commendation</b>
<b>5</b>	* Navy Unit Commendation; Army Valorous Unit Award; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  <b>NOTE</b>  Note if both Air Force awards are earned, they are worn together, with the Outstanding Unit Award ahead of the Organizational Excellence Award.
<b>6</b>	<b>Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation</b>
<b>7</b>	* Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
<b>8</b>	* Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
<b>9</b>	<b>Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation</b>
<b>10</b>	# Auxiliary Group Action Award
<b>11</b>	Coast Guard "E" Ribbon
<b>12</b>	<b>Coast Guard Auxiliary Operational Excellence "E" Ribbon</b>
<b>13</b>	Navy "E" Ribbon
<b>14</b>	<b>Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation</b>
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.



**Table 11-4  
Campaign and Service Awards**

<b>Order of Precedence</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>1</b>	Prisoner of War Medal
<b>2</b>	Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal
<b>3</b>	* Good Conduct Medals: Navy; Marine Corps; Army; Air Force
<b>4</b>	Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal
<b>5</b>	Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
<b>6</b>	Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal
<b>7</b>	* Expeditionary Medals: Navy; Marine Corps
<b>8</b>	American Defense Service Medal
<b>9</b>	American Campaign Medal
<b>10</b>	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
<b>11</b>	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
<b>12</b>	World War II Victory Medal
<b>13</b>	U.S. Antarctic Expedition Medal
<b>14</b>	Navy Occupation Service Medal
<b>15</b>	Army of Occupation Medal
<b>16</b>	Medal for Humane Action
<b>17</b>	China Service Medal
<b>18</b>	National Defense Service Medal
<b>19</b>	Korean Service Medal
<b>20</b>	Antarctica Service Medal
<b>21</b>	Arctic Service Medal
<b>22</b>	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
<b>23</b>	Vietnam Service Medal
<b>24</b>	Southwest Asia Service Medal
<b>25</b>	Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award
<b>26</b>	Humanitarian Service Medal
<b>27</b>	DOT 9/11 Ribbon
<b>28</b>	Special Operations Service Ribbon
<b>29</b>	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
<b>30</b>	Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
<b>31</b>	Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon



**Table 11-4  
Campaign and Service Awards - Continued**

<b>Order of Precedence</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>32</b>	Navy/Marine Corps Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Army Overseas Ribbon; Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; Air Force Overseas Ribbon (“Short Tour” replaces “Long Tour” version)
<b>33</b>	Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
<b>34</b>	Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
<b>35</b>	Coast Guard Basic Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
<b>36</b>	Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
<b>37</b>	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award
<b>38</b>	* Auxiliary Recruiting Service
<b>39</b>	Coast Guard Recruiting Service Ribbon
<b>40</b>	* Armed Forces Reserve Medal
<b>41</b>	Naval Reserve Medal; Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal; Air Reserve Forces
<b>42</b>	Auxiliary Meritorious Service Specialty Ribbon
<b>43</b>	*Operations Program Ribbon
<b>44</b>	*Examiner Program Ribbon
<b>45</b>	*Instructor Program Ribbon
<b>46</b>	Auxiliary Membership Service Award
<b>47</b>	Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal
<b>48</b>	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award Vessel, Examinations/Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program
<b>49</b>	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award Public Education Service
<b>50</b>	* Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award Operations Service
<b>51</b>	# Auxiliary AMOS Member Resource Unit Award
<b>52</b>	# Auxiliary AMOS Vessel Examination Unit Award
<b>53</b>	# Auxiliary AMOS Public Education Unit Award
<b>54</b>	# Auxiliary AMOS Operations Unit Award
<b>55</b>	Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Unit Citation
<b>56</b>	Merchant Marine Defense Bar
<b>57</b>	Merchant Marine Combat Bar
<b>58</b>	Merchant Marine Atlantic War Zone Bar



**Table 11-4**  
**Campaign and Service Awards - Continued**

<b>Order of Precedence</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>59</b>	Merchant Marine Pacific War Zone Bar
<b>60</b>	Merchant Marine Mediterranean/Middle East War Zone Bar
<b>61</b>	Merchant Marine World War 11 Victory Medal
<b>62</b>	Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar
<b>63</b>	Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar
<b>64</b>	Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation
<b>65</b>	Public Health Service Unit Commendation
<b>66</b>	Public Health Service Hazardous Duty Ribbon
<b>67</b>	Public Health Service Foreign Duty Ribbon
<b>68</b>	Public Health Service Special Assignment Ribbon
<b>69</b>	Public Health Service Isolated Hardship Ribbon
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

**Table 11-5**  
**Foreign Personal Decorations and Unit Awards**

<b>Order of Precedence</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>1</b>	Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
<b>2</b>	Korean Presidential Unit Citation
<b>3</b>	Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation
<b>4</b>	Vietnam Air Service Medal
<b>5</b>	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross Medal
<b>6</b>	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
<b>7</b>	Civil Actions Medal First Class
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.




**Table 11-6  
Non-U.S. Service Awards**

Order of Precedence	Award
<b>1</b>	Philippine Defense Ribbon
<b>2</b>	Philippine Liberation Ribbon
<b>3</b>	Philippine Independence Ribbon
<b>4</b>	United Nations Service Medal United Nations Medal
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

**Table 11-7  
Foreign Service Awards**

Order of Precedence	Award
<b>1</b>	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal ('60 medal)
<b>2</b>	Kuwait Liberation Medal
<b>3</b>	Bosnia Service Medal
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.

**Table 11-8  
Marksmanship Awards**

Order of Precedence	Award
<b>1</b>	Coast Guard Expert Rifleman Medal or Sharpshooter/Marksman Ribbon
<b>2</b>	Coast Guard Expert Pistol Shot Medal or Sharpshooter/Marksman Ribbon
<b>3</b>	Other Service Marksmanship Ribbons
<b>NOTE</b> 	Marksmanship Medals are included in breast device choices, if suspended from a pocket flap (Army and Marine).
<b>Legend:</b>	* - Indicates equivalent awards, worn in the order first earned. # - Indicates discontinued/retired Auxiliary awards. BOLD - Indicates awards an Auxiliarist may be awarded.




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## Section H. Informal Recognition

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<b>Introduction</b>	In addition to formally recognizing an Auxiliarist's service through appropriate awards, there is immeasurable value to providing positive feedback to those Auxiliarists who give valuable time and effort to the flotilla, division, district, or national Auxiliary organization. Auxiliarists need personal recognition for their efforts to continue to perform at consistently high levels.
<b>H.1. Methods</b>	<p>Informal recognition can be provided in a number of different ways limited only by the imagination of the person giving the recognition. Some examples include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Certificates or letters of appreciation to Auxiliarists from the Auxiliary unit's senior elected or appointed leader.</li> <li>b. Public recognition at all Auxiliary unit gatherings and social events.</li> <li>c. An article in flotilla, division or district newsletters or other significant publications such as the Navigator or Coast Guard magazine. Recognition in local military base newspapers, home town news release program, or local military Public Affairs officer releases are helpful to both Auxiliarist and organizational recognition in the community. All Coast Guard and Auxiliary PA officers should be involved.</li> <li>d. The creation of specific informal awards such as "Auxiliarist of the Month/Quarter" or "Commander's Award of Excellence." These awards could be accompanied by certificates, pins, or other items purchased with Auxiliary unit funds.</li> </ol>
<b>H.2. Purpose</b>	The most important recognition aspect is that the honor goes directly from one person to another, from peers and supervisors alike. Giving such recognition demonstrates a high level of interpersonal skill and is another distinguishing mark of an accomplished leader.
<b>H.3. Additional Source</b>	An additional source for informal recognition awards is the Rewards and Recognition Handbook, COMDTPUB P1650.37 (series).
<b>H.4. Other Informal Recognition</b>	Directors have wide latitude in determining other informal recognition. However, the value of any award shall never exceed \$100.

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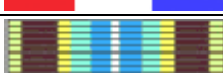



















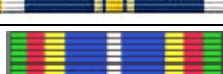




## Section I. Terms for Referencing Awards

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<b>Introduction</b>	This section provides a list of terms and their definitions when referencing awards.
<b>I.1. Award</b>	An all-inclusive term covering any decoration, medal, badge, ribbon, or an attachment thereof, bestowed upon an individual.
<b>I.2. Attachment</b>	Any appurtenance such as a star, letter device, clasp or other device worn on the suspension ribbon of a medal or on the ribbon (ribbon bar).
<b>I.3. Badge</b>	An award to an Auxiliarist for some special proficiency, which consists of, a medallion often hung from a bar or bars.
<b>I.4. Decoration</b>	An award bestowed upon an Auxiliarist for a specific individual act of gallantry or meritorious service.
<b>I.5. Lapel Button</b>	A miniature replica of the ribbon or ribbon bar.
<b>I.6. Ribbon or Ribbon Bar</b>	Consists of a portion of the suspension ribbon of a medal, and is worn in lieu of the medal. The dimensions of the ribbon will be $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. (see Figure 11-2)
<b>I.7. Medal</b>	An award presented to an Auxiliarist for performance of certain duties, acts, or services. Medals consist of a suspension ribbon made in distinctive colors from which hangs a medallion.
<b>I.8. Miniature Medal</b>	A replica of a large medal, made to a $\frac{1}{2}$ scale of the original (see Figure 11-3). The Medal of Honor does not have a miniature medal
<b>I.9. Rosette</b>	Lapel device made by gathering the suspension ribbon of the medal into a circular shape.
<b>I.10. Service Award</b>	An award made to those who have participated in designated wars, campaigns, expeditions, or who have fulfilled in a creditable manner specified service requirements.
<b>I.11. Unit Award</b>	An award made to a Coast Guard operational unit and worn only by members of that Coast Guard operational unit or Auxiliarists volunteering at that operational unit, meeting the award criteria and who participated in the cited action.

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RIBBON	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	ADDITIONAL AWARDS		
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL			
	GUARDIAN MEDAL			
	AUXILIARY LEGION OF MERIT			
	AUXILIARY PLAQUE OF MERIT			
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL			
	MEDAL OF OPERATIONAL MERIT			
	AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL			
	AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL			
	TRANSPORTATION 9/11 MEDAL			
	AUXILIARY COMMANDANT LETTER OF COMMENDATION			
	COAST GUARD SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD			
	PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION			
	SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD			
	COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION			
	COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION			
	COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION			
	AUXILIARY OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE "E" RIBBON			
	COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL UNIT COMMENDATION			
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD			












**Figure 11-2  
Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (in Order of Precedence)**



RIBBON	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	ADDITIONAL AWARDS			
	TRANSPORTATION 9/11 RIBBON				
	COAST GUARD SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON		★	★	
	AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD*		S	★	★
	COAST GUARD RECRUITING SERVICE RIBBON				
	SPECIALTY TRAINING RIBBON		★	★	
	OPERATIONS PROGRAM RIBBON		★	★	E
	MARINE SAFETY TRAINING RIBBON		★	★	★
	EXAMINER PROGRAM RIBBON		★	★	
	INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM RIBBON		★		
	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALTY PROGRAM RIBBON		★		
	AUXILIARY MEMBER SERVICE RIBBON		★	★	
	FLOTILLA MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL		★	★	
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY GROUP ACTION AWARD		O	★	★
	AUXILIARY VESSEL EXAMINATION AND RBS VISITATION PROGRAM SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD			★	★
	AUXILIARY PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD*		E	★	★
	AUXILIARY OPERATIONS SERVICE PERFORMANCE AWARD*	O	M/S	★	★

**Figure 11-2  
Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (in Order of Precedence) - Continued**



*Four Awards comprise the Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Awards.	
 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " (Gold Star) Denotes each subsequent award of the same meritorious unit or unit award.	 Silver/– Denotes support activities not involving the Bronze movement of a facility (Auxiliary Operations Service Award) denotes performance in member recruiting support. Worn centered on ribbon
 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " (Silver Star) Worn in the same manner as the gold star, in lieu of five gold stars.	 Silver – Denotes marine safety and environmental protection activity (75 or more hours). Worn centered on ribbon.
 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " (Bronze Star) Denotes additional qualifications and multiple awards	 Silver – Denotes performance in public education service area. Worn centered on ribbon. Denotes QE designation
 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " (Silver Star) Worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze stars.	 Silver – Denotes performance in operations service area, "Direct Hands-On" underway, surface mission activity (60 or more hours); or for "Direct Hands-On" underway, aviation mission activity (30 or more hours). Worn centered on ribbon.
 Silver – Accumulation of 25,000 volunteer service hours.	 Bronze – Accumulation of 7,500 volunteer service hours.
 Gold – Accumulation of 15,000 volunteer service hours.	
<b>DISCONTINUED AWARDS MAY BE WORN IF IN GOOD CONDITION.</b>	

**Figure 11-2  
Coast Guard Auxiliary Awards (in Order of Precedence) - Continued**



**Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal**



**Guardian Medal**



**Auxiliary Legion of Merit**



**Auxiliary Plaque of Merit**



**Auxiliary Meritorious Service Medal**



**Medal of Operational Merit**



**Auxiliary Commendation Medal**



**Transportation 9/11 Medal**



**Auxiliary Achievement Medal**



**Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation**



**Sustained Auxiliary Service Award**



**Auxiliary Humanitarian Service Award**



**Operations Program Medal**



**Examiner Program Medal**



**Instructor Program Medal**



**Auxiliary Member Service Medal**



**Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal**

**Figure 11-3  
Auxiliary Miniature Medals (in Order of Precedence)**



**Auxiliary Recruiting  
Service  
Performance Award**

Authorized "S" Device



**Auxiliary Vessel  
Examinations/  
Recreational  
Boating Safety  
Visitation Program  
Service  
Performance Award**



**Auxiliary Public  
Education Service  
Performance Award**

Authorized "E" device.



**Auxiliary Operations  
Service  
Performance Award**

Authorized "O", "M",  
and "S" devices. Only  
one device  
authorized, at  
discretion of the  
wearer.

**Figure 11-3  
Auxiliary Miniature Medals (in Order of Precedence) - Continued**



**COLLAR INSIGNIA**

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**SHOULDER INSIGNIA**

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**CAP ORNAMENTATION**


Figure 11-4  
Authorized Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniform Insignia



**Current and Past National Commodore (NACO)**



**Current and Past Vice National Commodore (VNACO) and Deputy National Commodore (DNACO, elected)**



**Current and Past Deputy National Commodore (DNACO, appointed)**

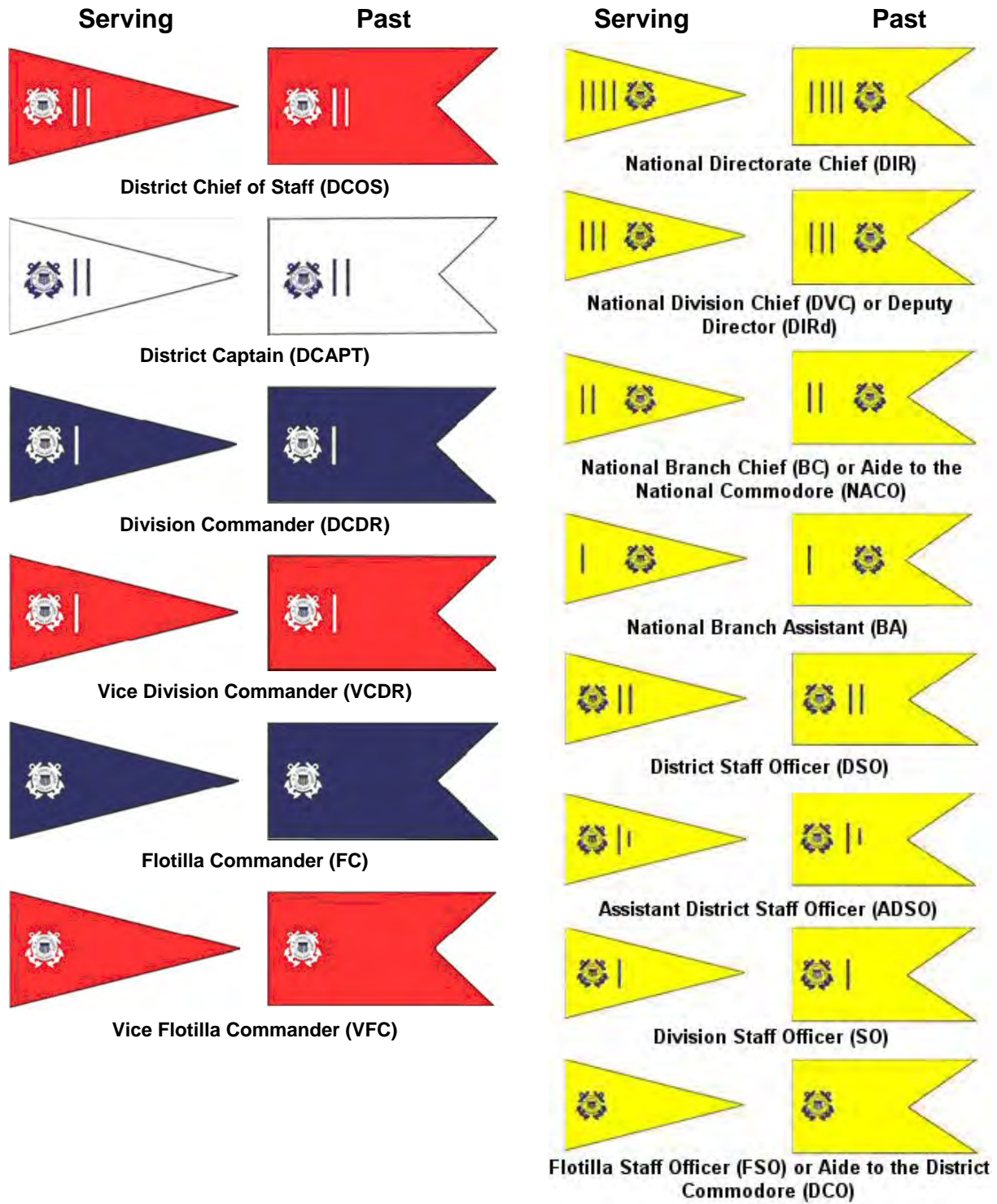


**Current and Past District Commodore (DCO)**



**Current and Past Assistant National Commodore (ANACO)**

**Figure 11-5  
Auxiliary Flags, Pennants, and Burgees**



**Figure 11-5 - Continued  
Auxiliary Flags, Pennants, and Burgees**

